FAMILY
HISTORY
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The Bowman Family

JACOB BOWMAN, the first member of the Bowman family in America, came from southern Germany, arriving in 1772, at the age of 20. He settled in Hebe, North Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He was born in 1752 and died in 1829 at the age of 77.

He married Susanna Leffinger and to them were born 4 sons and 6 daughters. The daughters were: Mrs. Gise, Martha, Sarah, Susanna, Mrs. John Clark, and a daughter who at the age of 14 was drowned on the way to church one Sunday morning in the Mackatonker Creek. She slipped from a log while crossing the stream. The sons were: Jacob, John, Henry and Samuel.

SAMUEL BOWMAN, the 4th son of Jacob (the original) was born about 1780 and was called "The head of the red-headed Bowmans." He was married to Magdalena Klinger. In the spring of 1817 they, with several other families, came to Stark County, Ohio. The journey took about 4 weeks. They slept in covered wagons, did their own cooking, and each family brought a cow and a big dog with them. They lived for a year in a log cabin about one mile from the Public Square of Canton, Ohio.

They had 12 sons, the oldest 4 were born in Pennsylvania, the other 8 in Ohio, about 10 miles east of Canton. These 12 sons were: Daniel, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, David, Jonathan, twins who died in infancy (names unknown), Abraham, John, Benjamin (who lived to be 96 years old) and Isaac, who was 86 at his death.

JOSEPH BOWMAN, the third son of Samuel, was born in Pennsylvania on January 31, 1814 and died in 1879 at the age of 65. He was married to Eva Bortz, and to this union was born 10 children, 5 of whom died n infancy. The 5 who lived were Samuel, Elizabeth, Caroline, Polly and JoAnna. His wife died and he then married Ida Brand Tongue in 1878 and to them were born 11 children, 5 of these dying also in infancy. Those who grew to adulthood were 4 sons and 2 daughters: William, Lydia, Eva, Stephen, Frank and George. In all, Joseph Bowman fathered 21 children.

Joseph Bowman's children from his first wife, Eva Bortz, did as follows:

Samuel	was married to Margaret Miller and 7 daughters and 5 sons were born to them.
Elizabeth	married Daniel Swihard. One son and 3 daughters were born.
Caroline	married Alexander King and to them was born 1 daughter.
Polly	married Joseph Raub and to them were born 1 son and 2 girls.
JoAnna	married George A. Denison and had 1 son and 3 daughters.

Joseph Bowman's children from his second wife, Ida Tongue, did as follows:

Lydia	married George King and had 1 daughter and 3 sons.
Eva	married John Palmer and had 1 son.

Stephen	married Cora Fisher and had 6 sons and 2 daughters.
Frank	married Vera Kinney and had 4 daughters and 6 sons.
George	married Bessie Oiler and had 1 daughter.
William	married Ella Chaney and 2 sons and 3 daughters were born to them that lived to adulthood. One daughter at 3 months of age; Also, one daughter, Nettie Pearle died at the age of six years.

WILLIAM BOWMAN, was born on September 24, 1857, and his wife, Martha Ella Chaney, was born on July 25, 1856. He was born in a log house at the junction of (current road markings of 1968) DeKalb County Roads 19 and 40. His father then built the big brick house in years following. At the time of William and Ella's marriage, they moved into the log house to set up housekeeping. They lived there until Ida Brand Tongue Bowman died, then they moved into the brick house with Joseph to take care of him and the children yet at home. In 1879 Joseph died, and when the estate was settled up and the money divided, William got $400 for his share. So he took his money, and on October 18, 1882 he purchased 37 acres on present County Road 17, DeKalb County, Richland Township, from Jacob Reinhart. This land was nearly all wooded, and he cleared land to farm and built the brick house, which was completed in 1887. He was a very hard working man and increased his wealth proportionately to his hard work, for when they first lived on this land they carried all their water from a spring in the back northwest field until they had a well.

When the new inventions came out, he was always one of the first to buy and try them. In fact, when Corunna got telephone service in 1909, he had one of the first phones. Also, other than Doctor Gettys from Ashley, he had the 1st car (it was a horseless carriage, with the make being an Auto Buggy) in DeKalb County, at least the northern half of the county, for certain. It was a 2 seated Auto Buggy and Milferd, his youngest son, was the first to learn to drive the new contraption and taught his father how to operate it. In 1915 he got his second car, an Overland, and when it was delivered the salesman had William get in and he started it up; however, the salesman neglected to tell Grandpa William how to stop it, and before the salesman chased the car down to switch off the ignition William had run through the hog lot and the fence went - -flop- - and all the pigs tried to crawl up the sides of the hog pen in fright!

On April 5, 1888 he bought and additional 57 acres to the south of his original 37. This was all woods, which he promptly cleared and tiled so it could be farmed. In 1915 be bought a house on the North Jackson Street in Auburn, Indiana, and in the fall of this year moved into it. (In the fall of 1911 they started to build a small house south of the brick house, and on February 7, 1912 Milferd Bowman and Inez finished moving their things at 10:00 p.m. at night into this house. Milferd and William did all the building of this house, which was purchased in 1916 by Drapers on U.S. 6 and moved across the fields and the railroad at Sedan, then up the road to its location. In present years Kenneth Sebert occupied this house and in the early 1960's he tore off the top story and built new onto and around the still original house.) They used an old gray mare to move this house.

In the fall of 1917 William purchased the Guthrie place just east of the original 37 acres and they moved back to the farm. This contained 68 acres and although Guthrie in 1909 had paid only $733.34 for it, William had to give $6, 930 to get it at this time. Land values were on the rise. So, Milferd and Inez had to move out of the brick house and over to the one on Guthrie place. They lived there nine years, and in this year of January 18, 1926 William died. He had asked Milferd's to take care of his wife, Martha, until she died, so they moved back into the brick house with his mother and lived with her and took care of her until her death in June 8, of 1936 at the age of 79.

William and Martha Ella's Portrait is as follows:

EMERY Born on January 31, 1879 at the brick house west of the county farm, and married Libby Hartman on February 2, 1899. To them were born three children: Hubert, Dorothy and Leona. Libby died on Feb. 3, 1921 at the age of 38, and Emery died on June 24, 1945 at the age of 66. Their children did as follows: with 1st child, Hubert, born Sept. 11, 1899.

Hubert married Hazel Long on September 28, 1920 and had:

1. Dale- Born September 23, 1921 and on January 21, 1939 he married Lavern Wolf. They had 4 children, but their married ended in divorce on July 10, 1964.
    (a) Jerry Dale: Born on July 11, 1939, married Doris Bowman on May 16, 1959 and have Cindy Sue, born on Sept. 3, 1959 and Sandy Lee, born on Sept. 17, 1960.
    (b) Joan E.: Born on November 5, 1940
    (c) Janet: Born February 10, 1942
    (d) Jean: Born October 25, 1943 and married Leonard Shaffer on Aug 7, 1963 and has Terry Lee, born on March 17, 1963 and Lori Lynn, Born on September 19, 1964.
2. Delores Marcile: Born on February 2, 1925 and Feb. 20 1945 she married William Clouse. They had 2 children.
    (a) Jack: Born on Feb. 15, 1946, married Myra Lyda on Sept. 11, 1965. They have one child, Kimberly Joe, born on June 9, 1967.
    (b) Jill Marie: Born on Feb. 4, 1948 and on Nov. 19 1966 married David Alley.
3. Carol Mae: Born on May 22, 1934 and on January 6, 1952 married Melvin Ridenour. They have 4 children.
    (a) George Hubert: Born on Oct. 6, 1953
    (b) Susan Kay: Born on Sept. 14, 1955
    (c) Eva Marie: Born on December 25, 1961
    (d) Melvin LeRoy: Born on April 10, 1966

Dorothy May Born on March 26, 1902 and on March 26, 1919 she wed Russell Dailey. They had 3 children, and Dorothy died on December 20, 1954.

1. Wanda- Born on August 23, 1920 and on January 24, 1941 she married LaMar Mitchner. They have 1 son:
   (a) Russell LaMar: Born on April 11, 1950
2. Wava- Born on July 7, 1923 and on July 7, 1941 she married Wayne Hamman and have 1 son:
   (a) Warren: Born on Nov. 18, 1951
3. Betty Lou- Born on April 11, 1928 and on April 22, 1948 she married Larry Ringle. They have 1 son:
   (a) Thomas Lee: Born on Dec. 7, 1950

Leona Fern Born on July 5, 1904 and on December 16, 1922 she married Clarence Binns. They had one child:

1. Vivian Maxine Binns: Born on Sept. 19, 1923 and died at 17 months old.

Then on September 19, 1947 Clarence died. She remarried again on Sept. 7, 1951 to Floyd Bohler, who bought and lived on Emery's farm. They had no children, and on December 18, 1966 Leona died.

After the death of the Emery's first wife he married again on February 16, 1922 to Vesta Fretz and had 4 children: Paul, Ruth, Howard and Melvin. Their portrait is as follows:

Vesta Fretz was born on September 1, 1885 and died on October 5, 1947.

Paul Eugene Born on October 29, 1923 and on November 11, 1943 he married Wanda Steininger. They had 5 children.

1. Larry Gene- Died in infancy in 1946
2. Nancy Carol- Born on July 13, 1947 and on July 6, 1968 she married James Miller.
3. Janel Darlene- Born March 14, 1953
4. Tamara Joy- Born February 21, 1960
5. Paula Jean – Born November 19, 1963

Ruth Maxine Born August 4, 1925 and on June 9, 1951 she married Robert LaRowe. They have 2 children.

1. Deborah Marie- Born March 21, 1952
2. Roberta- Born July 10, 1953

Howard Chaney Born on December 19, 1926 and on August 25, 1951 he married Ruth Kelley. They had 5 sons

1. Bradford Kelley- Born February 24, 1953
2. David Paul- Born December 7, 1954
3. Scott Howard- Born June 30, 1956
4. Brian Edward- Born December 19, 1958
5. Lee Alan- Born June 28, 1965

Melvin Earl Born on June 8, 1931 and on June 6, 1953 he married Mary Wyne. They have 4 children.

1. Brenda Kay- Born March 18, 1955
2. Dianna Marie- Born May 20, 1956
3. Elizabeth Ann- Born June 2, 1959
4. Teresa Lynn – Born January 4, 1965

ADA Born on September 22, 1881 at the log house of the farm. She married Marion M. Shippy on May 2, 1900. To them were born 5 children: Ivy, Wilbur, Viola, Harold and a stillborn son. Marion was born on July 28, 1874 and died on May 21, 1965 while Ada died on August 30, 1957.

Ivy Born on July 2, 1901 but had brain fever when just a small child. At the age of 40 she entered a home in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she still remains.

Wilbur Born on October 14, 1907 and on June 8, 1949 he married Julia Hagenson. A baby girl was stillborn to them on October 4, 1952, then on February 25, 1964 Julia died. On November 29, 1964 he married Esther (Brown) Speer, and has the following step children.

1. Mary Katherine- Born December 23, 1936 and on May 19, 1956 married Clarence Ratliff. Their children…
   (a) Keith Jeffery: Born October 30, 1959
   (b) Carl David: Born August 21, 1962

2. Carol Ann- Born March 25, 1940 and on July 15, 1962 she married Delbert Sumner. Their children…
   (a) Jonathan Evan: Born December 27, 1964

3. Lloyd James- Born July 5, 1942 and on May 2, 1965 married Crystal Oliver.
4. Orvil Leslie- Born August 21, 1946 and on May 28, 1967 he married Patty Bowen.
5. Charlotte Sue- Born April 21, 1953

Viola Born on September 3, 1909 and on August 8, 1935 she married Ellsworth Allspaugh. Their 5 children:

1. Donald Rex- Born May 19, 1935 and in May 1955 she married Carol Kendall. Their children:
   (a) Rex Allen: Born January 3, 1956
   (b) Pamela Irene: Born November 5, 1958
   (c) Alex Donald: Born July 6, 1960
2. Vernon Watson- Born on April 6, 1943
3. Roger Barry- Born February 15, 1944 and on _____ wed Joan Runyon. Their children:
   (a) Dawn Michelle: Born

4. Wesley Dennis- Born June 19, 1945 and on _____ he married Barbara Sink. Their children…
    (a) Kimberly Lynn: Born July 19, 1966
    (b) Marcia: Born January 13, 1967
5. Gayle Rosalie- Born on March 15, 1947 and on February 3, 1967 she married Thomas Harwood.

Harold Born on March 30, 1912 and on October 14, 1934 married Pearl Velia. They had 1 daughter, but their marriage ended in divorce.

1. Shirley Sue- Born Sept. 4, 1935 and she married LeRoy Beasley. Their children…
    (a) Ronald Lynn: Born January 24, 1956
    (b) Cheryl Sue: Born February 16, 1965

On July 3, 1955 he married Rose Keller. Their daughter died at the age of 3 months.

Esta May Born May 18, 1887 in the log house on the farm and when she was three months old they moved into the brick house. She married Albert Chester Crise on June 3, 1905 and they had 4 children. Albert was born on July 13, 1884 and died October 26, 1949, while Esta died on June 2, 1955.

Cleo W. Born April 20, 1907 and named Cleophas W., but his name was legally changed to Cleo W. On July 10, 1926 he wed Esther Wade and their children…

1. RuthViola-Born June 17, 1927 and on August 21, 1946 wed Fremont Waggner. Their 3 children….
    (a) David John: Born August 16, 1947 who on July 1, 1967 married Roxie Ann Arnold
    (b) Kathleen Marie: Born Sept. 16, 1950
    (c) Carolyn Elaine: Born Sept. 1, 1951
2. Ira LeRoy- Born Dec. 5, 1929 and on May 25, 1949 wed Ardella Fern Wells. Their children…
    (a) Elizabeth Darlene: Born January 11, 1951 and on May 25, 1968 she married Dennis Alvin Wesley Pepper.
    (b) Shirley Esther: born June 9, 1952
    (c) David Keith: Born July 27, 1956
3. Esther May- Born August 20, 1933 and on September 17, 1949 she wed Preston Steven Collins. Esther May died August 20, 1968 on her 35th birthday. Their children…
    (a) Rose May: born January 3, 1952
    (b) Donna Jean: Born November 2, 1953
    (c) Rebecca Jane: Born June 26, 1959
    (d) Steven Paul: Born April 6, 1965
4. Virginia Ellen- Born January 28, 1936 and n December 6, 1952 wed Ronald Keith Meredith. After Birth of 2 children they divorced on May 23, 1958. Their children…
    (a) Michael Mark: Born April 10, 1955

(b) Ruth Ann: Born October 3, 1957
On August 20, 1958Virginia married Marvin Lee Trost. Their children thus far…
(a) Marvin Lee Jr.: Born July 30, 1959
(b) Terri Alene: Born November 30, 1960
(c) Louis William: Born on July 8, 1965

5. Carl Raymond- Born June 22, 1937 and on July 8, 1958 wed Madonna Mae Vice.
6. Robert Wade- Born October 4, 1944 and on November 20, 1964 he wed Eileen Barrentine. Children…
   (a) Loreena Jean: Born December 28, 1965
7. Joseph Paul- Born December 27, 1948
8. John Albert- Born August 24, 1951
9. Mary Alene- Born July 9, 1955

Emery LeRoy Born on October 30, 1908 and on July 18, 1928 he wed Eloise Broyles. This ended in divorce on June 8, 1936, but their children…

1. Donald LeRoy- Born Sept. 3, 1929 and on July 8, 1947 he wed Lillian May Leach. They had 2 sons, then were divorced on June 13, 1955. On Sept. 1, 1955 he wed Dorothy Newman.
   (a) Johnny Elton: Born June 3, 1948
   (b) David LeRoy: Born December 9, 1950
2. Effie Irene- Born may 7, 1931 and on November 27, 1951 she adopted Judith Irene Simpson.
   (a) Judith Irene: Married Clifford McKee on December 24, 1951 and their children… David Forrest, born August 6, 1953 and John Franklin, born December 2, 1956
3. Betty Jeanne- Born January 20, 1933 and adopted Marlene Rae Myers.
   (a) Marlene Rae: Married Manasses Kaufman on February 25, 1950, but this ended in divorce on November 24, 1953. She then married Woodrow Howard Wilson on January 30, 1954 and have had Trent Joseph: Born 10, 1954 who died on Dec. 12, 1954
   Juli Anna: Born Dec. 24, 1955
   Evelyn Louise: Born April 18, 1957 but died on April 22, 1957.
   Timothy James: Born on November 12, 1958

   On July 11, 1936 Emery LeRoy Married Opal Miller and to this marriage was born one son.

1. Wayne Lee- Born April 29, 1938 and on March 30, 1958 wed Carole Ann Brown. Their children…
   (a) Casey Lee: Born February 26, 1959
   (b) Kelley Gene: Born December 1, 1963
   (c) Peggy Ann: Born January 19, 1967

Geneva E. Born on July 13, 1912 and on February 20, 1932 married Walter Zent. This

ended in divorce on December 1, 1936 and on April 12, 1940 she married Ralph Oliver Bohler, who was a brother to Leona's husband. They had three children, and Ralph died on February 2, 1966.

1. Effie Ann- Born January 29, 1941
2. Betty May- Born January 20, 1942 and on June 11, 1962 wed Luther Wayne Newby
    a. Wayne Daniel: Born August 27, 1963
    b. Pamela May: Born September 19, 1964
3. Donna Lou- Born on March 8, 944 and on September 25, 1964 she married Paul Eugene Dantzer. Their children…
    a. Thomas Eugene Born May 20, 1965 (weighed 2 lb. 12 oz.)
    b. Tammy Eileen: March 22, 1967 was born.

Gladys Berneice Born August 23, 1918 and on August 29, 1936 she wed Homer Franklin Bloss. Their children…

1. Bernard Lee- Born June 15, 1941and on June 19, 1962 he married Peggy Ellen Witmer. Their children…
    a. Katrina Lee: Born August 30, 1962
    b. Rhonda Colleen: born September 9, 1963. Died Nov. 9, 1963
    c. Judith Anne: Born September 2, 1964
    d. Karen Lynn: Born Augsust 24, 1965
    e. Bernard Lee Jr.: Born May 24, 1967
2. Richard Theodore- Born October 14, 1950
3. Edward Ray- Born July, 1952

Effie Born October 11, 1890 in the brick house and on April 16, 1911 she married Carl Reinhart who died on February 27, 1940. She then married Hugh Hamman on Sept. 6,1947, but two years later (on October 15, 1949) he died. On August 19, 1954 she remarried again, this time to Arthur Strubble. but he lived less than two months after their marriage and passed away on October 11, 1954. She was not blessed with children, and on March 21, 1964 this illustrious relative died at the age of 73. What I remember most about aunt Effie was that she used makeup to enhance her beauty (particularly rouge) and that she always liked to wear a lot of sparkling jewelry.

Milferd Chaney Born on September 24, 1892 in the brick house here and he wed Inez Eva Park on March 22, 1911 and they had four children; Bertha, Kenneth, Edna and Marie. Milferd died on May 28, 1964 and his wife Inez (born on November 8, 1891) joined him on March 19, 196. She was buried on the date of their wedding anniversary.

Bertha May Born on December 29, 1911 and on July 13, 1930 she wed Virgil Korff. Their children…

1. Donald Ray- Born May24, 1933 and on February 28, 1951 he wed Patricia Ann Nodine. Their children…
    a. Cheryl Ann: Born August 30, 1951
    b. Dianne Marie: Born January 5, 1953
    c. Jerry Louis: Born May 10, 1956

d. Roger Allen: Born September 26, 1957

2. Richard- Born February 27, 1940 and on April 16, 1964 he wed Judy Ellen Hefley. Their marriage ended by divorce in the spring of 1968.

Kenneth Ray Born on February 26, 1914 and on December 30, 1936 he married Clara Diederick. They had 4 children, then on January 25, 1951 he died with cancer.

1. Kenneth Ray Jr.- Born April 12, 1937 but died when nearly eleven years old, on January 11, 1948, with rheumatic fever.
2. Robert Eugene- Born on September 28, 1938 and in 1959 he married Sandra Elaine Johns. Their children…
    a. Brenda Louise: Born November 28, 1960
    b. John Richard: Twin born on November 15, 1962
    c. Jerry Alan: Twins born on November 15, 1962
    d. Susan Elizabeth: Born November 19, 1966
3. Edward Allen- Born July 30, 1942 and on November 24, 1963 married Nancy Ellen Zoller. Their children…
    a. Lori Ann: November 6, 1964
4. Patricia Ann- Born March 1, 1949 and on April 15, 1967 she married Wayne Ervin Weaver.

Edna Louise Born on November 7, 1915 and on August 4, 1935 she wed Clark W. Stahl. They had 4 children…

1. James William- Born on August 4, 1937 and on August 11, 1957 he married Carolyn Sue Hovarter. Their children…
    a. Karen Sue: Born December 14, 1959
    b. Diane Kay: Born August 25, 1961
2. John B.- Born August 2, 1939 and on August 7, 1961 he wed Charlene Louise Smith. Their family…
    a. John B. Jr.: Born on July 28, 1962
3. Shirley Louise- Born on October 24, 1941 and on November 5, 1966 she married Donald Kent Anweiler.
4. Thomas Lee- Born on November 18, 1943 and on April 26, 1962 he married Connie Lou Roop. They lost their first child, a daughter, on June 28, 1962. Their family…
    a. Thomas Edward: Born on October 21, 1964

Marie Elizabeth Born on January 2, 1917 and on June 11, 1941 she wed Wayne Penick. This ended in divorce on May 27, 1944. Then on January 29, 1945 she married Oscar Elsworth Ohlwine. Unable to conceive a child, they adopted a son

1. Robert Elsworth- Born April 20, 1960

Nettie Pearl Born in 1897, but only lived until 5 years of age as she died in 1902.

Infant Born in 1880 between Emery and Ada and died at 3 months of age, so William and Martha Bowman had seven births.

Twins** This is the 6th known set of twins in Jacob Bowman's generations, as Samuel Bowman "the head of the red-headed Bowmans" had twins sons that died in infancy. Joseph Bowman's daughter told Inez Bowman there were twins in each generation and that Joseph's son, Samuel had twins named Fred and Ed who are still living in California. Steve Bowman, a brother of William, lived in Waterloo

and had twin boys, Walter and Waldo. Aunt JoAnna's daughter, Daisy Fee, had twin girls who are living in Waterloo also. The last twins born are the sons of Robert Bowman, John & Jerry.

1968 ADDENDUM TO PRINTING:

Mrs. Inez Bowman passed away March 19, 1968
Births I know of ---

David John Waggoner Jr. May 13, 1968, son of Mr.& Mrs. John David Waggoner.
Troy Kevin Sausaman, April 16, 1968, son of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gene Sausaman.
James Edward Crise, April 22, 1968, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crise.
Douglas Wayne Weaver, September 5, 1968, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Weaver.

Marriages:

Elizabeth Darlene Crise married Dennis Alvin Wesley Pepper on May 25, 1968.
Nancy Bowman married James Miller July 6, 1968.

1969ADDENDUM TO PRINTING:

Death: Cheryl Korff, May 4 1969

Births: Brian Douglas Bowman to Edward and Nancy Bowman on October 14, 1968
Kelly Renee Stahl to John and Charlene Stahl on January 21, 1969.
Timothy Gerald Dantzer to Donna Lou and Paul Dantzer on July 22, 1969.
Johnny Crise has a child in 1969
Shirley and W. Glendon Hart had a daughter in June, 1969.

Marriages: Cleo's Johnny Crise wed
Ira's Shirley wed W. Glendon Hart on Dec. 28, 1968
Janet Bowman to Bill Rowe on November 11, 1969

"Lest we forget"…….

The history of THE BOWMAN FAMILY which you have just read is the end of a dream—a dream that inspired Milferd Bowman several years ago and now has finally been consummated. The many hours we spent compiling information (Milferd, Inez, and I) were happy ones because grandpa, in his familiar manner, added spice to the work by telling a story about a family member now and then. We did our best to make this as complete and accurate as possible, using, of course, the information we were able to get from each one of you. I would like to thank everyone who helped gather information so that this history could be prepared. In conclusion I would like to dedicate this document as a loving and living memoriam to Milferd and Inez Bowman, "lest we forget"……

Carolyn S. Stahl
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